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SUBJECT:SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT ON  
SECURITY ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1977

REF: STATE 102059

1. SENATE FLOOR ACTION ON SECURITY ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZATION BILL EXPECTED LATER THIS WEEK OR WEEK OF JUNE 20.
2. SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE (SFRC) REPORT SAYS BILL "AUTHORIZES SUCH SUMS AS MAY BE NECESSARY" IN FY 78 TO CARRY OUT INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS RELATING TO DEFENSE COOPERATION WITH GREECE AND TURKEY; AND RAISES TO \$175,000, UNCLASSIFIED

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000 THE FISCAL YEAR 1978 FMS CREDITS AND SALES CEILING FOR TURKEY INCLUDED IN SECTION 620 (X) OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT."

3. FURTHER EXTRACTS RELEVANT TO EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN FOLLOW:

A. QUOTE: MILITARY AID IS RECOMMENDED FOR BOTH GREECE AND TURKEY TO HELP THOSE COUNTRIES FULFILL IMPORTANT NATO OBLIGATIONS. THE COMMITTEE IS FULLY AWARE OF THE TENSIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IN THE AEGEAN AND OVER CYPRUS

AND BELIEVES THAT THE RECOMMENDED ASSISTANCE LEVELS WILL HELP PROVIDE NEEDED STABILITY FOR THE AREA. THE COMMITTEE COMMENDS THE ADMINISTRATION FOR ITS RECENT DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS CONCERNING CYPRUS AND URGES ALL PARTIES INVOLVED TO NEGOTIATE IN GOOD FAITH FOR A FINAL SOLUTION. END QUOTE.

B. QUOTE: AUTHORIZATION FOR DOLS 15 MILLION FOR CYPRUS WAS VOTED PURSUANT TO AN AMENDMENT BY SENATORS PELL AND KENNEDY. THE ADMINISTRATION HAD MADE NO REQUEST FOR CYPRUS. THE FUNDS WOULD BE USED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF REFUGEE HOUSING AND OTHER RELIEF ACTIVITIES. END QUOTE.

C. QUOTE: ON APRIL 24 THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH SUBMITTED A DRAFT AMENDMENT ON GREECE AND TURKEY TO S. 1160 WHICH WOULD HAVE: INCREASED THE FMS SALES/CREDIT CEILING IMPOSED ON TURKEY UNDER SEC. 620 (X) FROM DOLS 125 MILLION IN FISCAL YEAR 1977 TO DOLS 175 MILLION IN FISCAL YEAR 1978; AND GRANTED AUTHORITY TO EXCLUDE FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 1977 AND 1978 CEILINGS SET BY SEC. 620 (X) THE FMS PURCHASE OF ALREADY APPROVED F-4'S.

BASED ON EXTENSIVE DELIBERATIONS WITH THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH, THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING: APPROVAL OF THE DOLS 175 MILLION AUTHORIZATION CEILING IN FMS SALES AND UNCLASSIFIED

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LOAN GUARANTIES TO TURKEY, AND DISAPPROVAL OF THE F-4 EXEMPTION FROM THIS CEILING. IT IS THE COMMITTEE'S UNDERSTANDING THAT THESE SALES CAN BE MADE THROUGH COMMERCIAL CHANNELS WITHOUT REVISING SEC. 620 (X) AND THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST TURKEY IN FACILITATING THE COMMERCIAL TRANSACTION.

IN TAKING ACTION WITH RESPECT TO THE ADMINISTRATION'S REQUEST CONCERNING GREECE AND TURKEY, THE COMMITTEE EXPRESSED ITS APPRECIATION FOR THE CONTRIBUTION MADE TO NATO OVER A LONG PERIOD OF YEARS BY TURKEY AND BY GREECE. THE COMMITTEE ALSO EXPRESSED ITS APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES WHICH COULD FACILITATE EFFORTS BY TURKEY TO MEET ITS NATO FORCE GOALS OUTSIDE THE FMS PROGRAM. END QUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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